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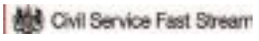

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It's a sellout: Dons fans queue at stadiummk to buy tickets to the FA Cup clash with Chelsea. Below: chairman Pete Winkelman celebrates with player Rob Hall after his goal against Northampton in the third round helped set up the match with the Premier League champions, which will take place this weekend

'Let's enjoy a crazy day'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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MK DONS chairman Pete Winkelman is ready to enjoy a 'crazy day' against Chelsea on Sunday.

A record-breaking crowd for football is expected at stadiummk for the FA Cup fourth round tie, which is also being shown live on BBC 1.

Tickets for the match sold out before going on general sale, with thousands queuing in Central Milton Keynes and at the stadium to secure their seats.

The odds are stacked against the Dons, but Pete is confident it will be an unforgettable day for the home crowd.

He said: "Let's enjoy it. We've worked for years to get to this position, let's enjoy a crazy day against Chelsea.

"Don't worry too much about the result and the team will try to do something to get the fans on their feet.

"Some of the world's top footballers will be on our pitch and we want to put on a bit of a show and spectacle for Milton Keynes."

Fans will be praying for a repeat of the 4-0 victory over Manchester United last season and Pete thinks days like Sunday benefit both the club and the city.

He added: "Days like Sunday and the Man United match make me feel like I wasn't mad to build such a big stadium, and certainly wasn't mad to bring football here.

"The match will give great exposure to the city as well as economic benefits.

"Stadiummk will be on national television and everyone will be reminded what the city is all about.

"It is events like this that will grow our supporter base and you need these big games in your history to grow as a football club."

According to tourism body Destination MK, the game is expected to generate an estimated £10-15million for the local economy.

Carys Underwood, marketing manager for Destination MK, believes the match will raise more than the Manchester United clash due to the 'weekend factor'.

While Pete admitted there was no pressure on the players or manager, he refused to rule out a shock result.

He added: "It is the FA Cup – anything can happen and does! Would you have given us a prayer against Manchester United?"

Here's hoping it will be another crazy 4-0.

■ For more on MK Dons v Chelsea, see our special supplement inside and sport.

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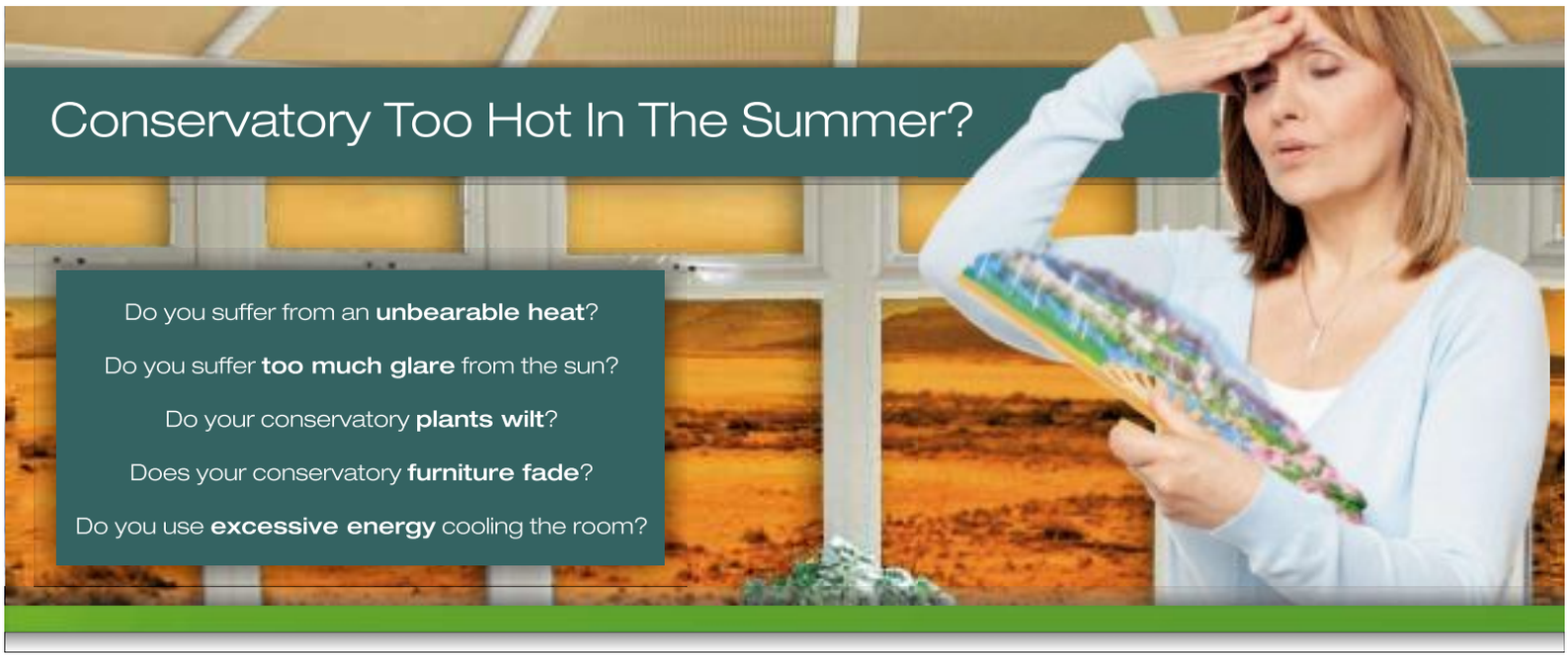

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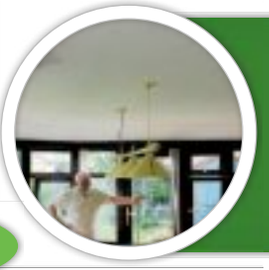

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Historic: Two of MK's sculptures, Octo, *above*, and MS Series No 1 are now Grade II-listed

Listed status for city's sculptures

TWO sculptures have received Grade II-listed status from Historic England, as part of an initiative looking at post-war sculptures.

Octo, by Wendy Taylor, in the square outside Norfolk and Ashton houses is one of the city's best known pieces, frequently featuring in articles about MK, as well as the video that accompanied Cliff Richards' hit Wired For Sound.

MS Series No 1 – the bright red steel sculpture outside Challenge House in Bletchley by Bernard Schottlander – has also been listed.

Tim Skelton, chairman of Milton Keynes Forum, said: "This is wonderful news for the city and it is good to see national recognition, once again, for the heritage of Milton Keynes."

Pub plans could raise bar in town

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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PLANS for a Wetherspoon pub in Newport Pagnell is dividing opinion in the town.

The pub chain has submitted plans to Milton Keynes Council that include a refurbishment, extension, beer garden and later opening hours at the former fine dining restaurant Robinsons in Silver Street.

Jimi James, 52, who lives in Silver Street, said: "The site is too far off the main high street, which will have an effect on local businesses as they will lose any passing trade.

"The surrounding streets are already busy for parking and the extra traffic, including the noise from the late opening hours, is going to affect the residents along the street."

He added: "The main support is that it will be vibrant and force the other pubs to improve food and drink prices."

Other comments on social media said that the family-friendly venue would provide more choice.

Residents are due to attend a meeting of Newport Pagnell Town Council tonight from 8pm to give their views.

A spokesman for Wetherspoon said: "We are always willing to address the concerns of the residents."

In addition to these plans, other changes have taken place in the town centre after bank HSBC closed its branch in the listed building in High Street.

The building is now up for let. To share your views on what you think it should be used for, visit our website – **onemk.co.uk –** and vote in our poll.

The Stables reveals hopes of expansion

DETAILS of plans to expand The Stables have been revealed after a planning application was submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

The application is asking for permission to build a three-storey extension on the northern side of the plot, which would cover 375 square metres.

This new area would include room for new rehearsal space, digital recording studios, additional offices, toilets and satellite plant rooms.

There are also plans in place for a new flexible-use studio building on the south west of the site, which would have a link to the existing stable block. It would have a capacity for 225 seats and a balcony for 50 standing spectators.

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Rodent: A rat searches for food in Melanie Baker's garden in Fishermead

'Rats are eating my home away'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MOTHER-OF-TWO is at her wits end and can no longer sit in her garden or lounge because of her neighbour's suspected rat infestation.

Melanie Baker, 49, from Polruan Place, Fishermead, has been speaking to Milton Keynes Council since May about her neighbour, who is a council tenant.

"They put rubbish bags on the balcony and in the garden and now I have the rats affecting my home," claimed Mrs Baker.

"I can't go out in my garden and can't sit in my lounge as I can hear them running in the walls and now it is costing me money trying to resolve it."

Mrs Baker has tried to discuss the issue with her neighbour and even offered to go halves on the cost of bate but now feels forced to pay about £100 each time for a private pest control officer to come out and visit her property.

She added: "The bait being put down by pest control in my garden is not being eaten because the rats have a fresh food source from next door.

"I have heard the children scream 'rats' in the middle of the night as I am not well myself and sometimes lay awake at night.

"I felt like talking to MK NEWS was my last resort as the house is being eaten away."

Mrs Baker claims other neighbours are starting to be affected and she has been passed between the tenancy and environmental health departments at the council but is getting nowhere.

"Nobody at the council seems to want to tell this tenant to abide by the tenancy agreement," she added.

"I am scared someone will be bitten while the council turns a blind eye."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "Rats are known to coexist in urban areas across the country and housing estates such as Fishermead are no different to this.

"We have been working with our tenant and her neighbour to deal with the problem.

"We have made an appointment with our tenant later this week to see if there is evidence of infestation and how best to remedy the situation."

MK NEWS tried to contact Mrs Baker's neighbour but they were unavailable for comment.

Job show may offer new start

A HUGE range of employers and jobs will be on display when the MK Job Show comes to the city on Friday.

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"The show is an outstanding opportunity to meet local and national employers face to face and see what they have on offer."

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Pervert had thousands of child images

A MAN who paid for the live-streaming of child abuse and collected thousands of indecent images has been jailed for two-and-a-half years.

Thomas James Fairley, 43, from Bletchley, *pictured right*, admitted eight charges of child sexual abuse.

He was arrested in March, 2015, on suspicion of paying for indecent images of youngsters and inciting sexual activity with children from the Philippines.

During a search of his home, investigators recovered electronic devices, including two laptops and one desktop computer, which contained 3,375 indecent images and videos of children. The material included more than 300 items of the most extreme type as well as extreme adult pornographic images.

Skype chat records showed Fairley stated he had a sexual interest in children and had been requesting 'shows' with them via live-streaming. He also promised to send money for indecent images of children and requested victims be of certain ages.

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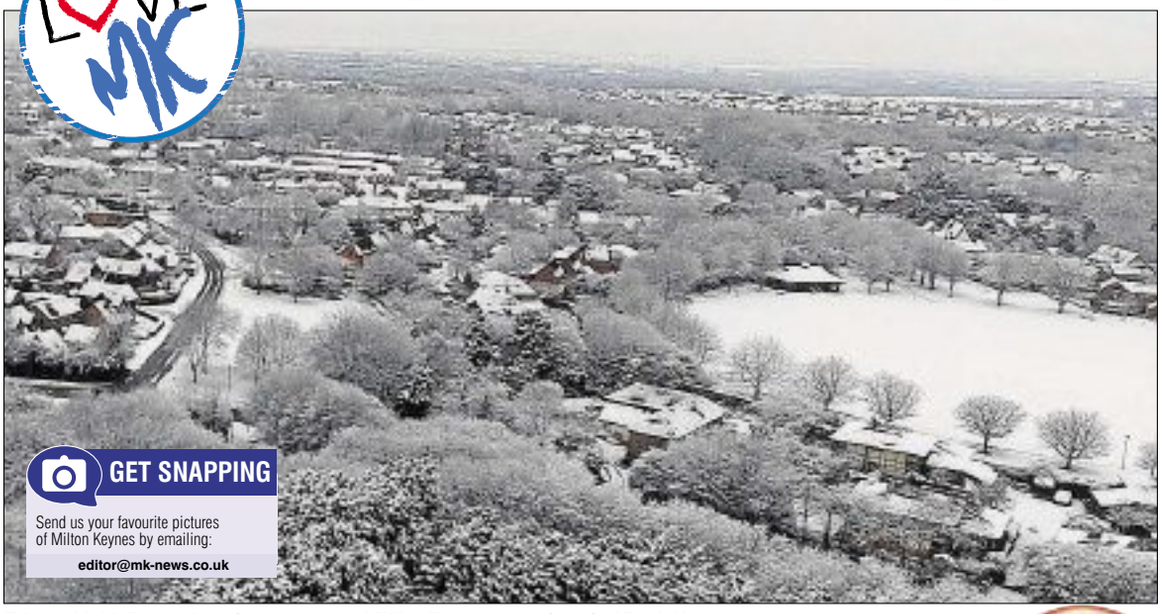

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Obligation for marina

IN RESPONSE to Mr Harlock's letter in MK NEWS on January 6 I would like to comment on several points he made.

The line of the canal shown in the scheme is on the formally consented route for the Milton Keynes to Bedford Link. The alternate proposal between the two Gulliver's land sites was pursued by The Parks Trust but was dropped some 18 months ago and no planning application was forthcoming. MKC and MKDP have consulted with the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust in connection with the proposals.

There have previously been a number of failed attempts to deliver a sustainable residential and marina scheme on the Overgate side of the canal. MKDP pursued an alternate strategy having undertaken feasibility studies that indicated that a residential scheme on the Overgate side with enhanced waterside frontage and leisure uses on the Newlands site created critical mass and was feasible.

This proposal was taken through MKC's development brief process before the site was formally marketed. The development brief process involves formal consultation with local stakeholders and numerous comments and representations were received. Reps were received from the town council and relevant local parish councils, Canal and Riverside Trust and the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust.

Crest Nicholson, MKDP's preferred development partner for the Campbell Park Canalside site, has thoroughly investigated the market for inland marinas and is working closely with one of the largest canal side marina operators to deliver a viable scheme.

The land in question is clearly defined within the local plan, CMK Alliance Plan etc for development. MKDP and Crest Nicholson are working to deliver a comprehensive waterside development with the proposed marina an integral part. To address your concern, Crest Nicholson will be under a formal obligation to deliver the marina part of the scheme.

There will further opportunities to comment on Crest Nicholson's proposals during the consultation that will take place prior to planning permission being sought.

I hope this clarifies the points raised by Mr Harlock and look forward to providing more updates on this exciting project soon.

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Chief executive, Milton Keynes Development Partnership

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Search: Police officers combing areas in Netherfield **Picture by Ajay Blata**

Woods searched for man

POLICE have renewed their search for a man who has been missing for eight months.

Officers searched a field and wooded areas in Netherfield last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in a bid to find anything that could help them trace 38-year-old Stephen Keogh, who has been missing from Broadlands on the estate since May, 2015.

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police told MK NEWS that nothing significant was found. As previously reported by this newspaper, police searched for Mr Keogh in a churchyard in Wolverton, Granby Court and areas of Netherfield in November.

He is white, with dark hair and has a tattoo of a name on his right arm. Anyone with information can call police on 101.

'Let me marry in jail before birth'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A HEAVILY pregnant woman is still waiting to hear from HMP Woodhill over whether she can marry her partner before she gives birth.

Jerri Coughlan, *pictured*, is desperate to get married to her boyfriend Eugene Bell before she gives birth in roughly four weeks' time, but claims she is struggling to get a response from the prison.

"I sent a form to the governor to get married in the prison more than eight weeks ago as I was told you had to give four weeks' notice," she said.

"But I still haven't had a response. I know they haven't contacted the registry office."

The 31-year-old wants to marry Mr Bell, who is currently on remand charged with the murder of father-of-five Steven McKinnon in Belgrave, Leicester, on June 6, 2015.

Mr Bell, 29, is one of four people awaiting trial after pleading not guilty.

According to the Marriages Act 1983, prisoners are allowed to get married behind bars as long as the request does not present a risk to the public, prison order, national security, or violate any prison rule.

She added: "I only have four weeks left to get married before I give birth and I have found the staff I have spoken to really rude."

Miss Coughlan has been told by HMP Woodhill to not continue to call and to wait for a call from them.

A spokesman from the Ministry of Justice said it could not comment on personal cases but added: "Prisoners are entitled to apply to be married in prison under the Marriages Act 1983.

"The marriage will only take place at the discretion of the governor and if certain criteria are met.

"There is no set timescale for approving marriage requests in prison and any ceremony, if approved, would take place at no cost to the taxpayer."

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Appeal after crash

A MAN was rushed to hospital with serious life-threatening injuries after a collision between a silver Peugeot and a silver Audi in H10 Bletcham Way at 11pm on Friday. Police are appealing for witnesses. See more on this and the latest travel news at **onemk.co.uk**

Three years in prison

A 22-YEAR-OLD man has been jailed for three years after being found in a vehicle in Milton Keynes with large amounts of class A and B drugs. Tarik Jones, from Mullins Place, London, was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court on January 19 after previously pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply drugs.

Town named burglary hotspot

MILTON Keynes has been named as one of the postcodes in the UK that has a high rate of property break-ins, according to MoneySuperMarket.

Olney has also been listed at number 20 in the top burglary hotspots.

Kevin Pratt, consumer affairs expert at MoneySuperMarket, said: "Leafy suburbs are heavily targeted, with burglars following the money to affluent areas."

MK NEWS contacted Thames Valley Police, but did not receive a comment.

See the full list of burglary hotspots, as well as the low crime areas, at onemk.co.uk

£9million for electric cars

MILTON Keynes Council will receive £9million to promote the use of electric cars.

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Butternut squash and saffron puree topped with Gorgonzola & Smoked Scamorza with heritage tomato and caper concas

STARTERS

Oysters 5 Ways
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Bite-Sized Pieces of Pork Tenderloin Wrapped in Parma Ham
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Mini Potato Gnocchi Bake (v)
Pan-fried potato & thyme gnocchi, wild mushroom topped with Pecorino cheese and baked in the oven

PALATE CLEANSER
Lemon and Campari sorbet

SHARING MAINS

From The Sea
2 Whole Atlantic Lobsters, Scallop Thermidor, Jumbo crevettes in chilli and garlic, served with french fries, lemon butter, samphire and fresh mixed salad

From The Land
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From The Garden (v)
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Garlic butter beans (v)
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Roasted Med veg (v)
Roasted carrots and parsnips (v)
Mixed leaves, sliced olives, tomato and red onion salad
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Saved: Children from Great Holm Pre-school can now play safely thanks to the builders' free work

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CHILDREN at Great Holm Pre-school can play outside again after kind-hearted builders relayed their troublesome patio.

After reading the plight of the toddlers on our website – **onemk.co.uk** – Golden Gardens and Building Ltd, from Cosgrove, volunteered to rebuild for free a pavement that was causing children to fall over.

Zane Keeble – Golden Gardens' contract manager – and his team picked up their shovels and spent three days at the pre-school site in Kensington Drive replacing slabs and levelling the outdoor area making it safe for the kids.

Mixed results in exam tables

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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GCSE and A-level league tables released by the Department of Education reveal mixed results for secondary schools in Milton Keynes.

Three schools – Sir Herbert Leon Academy, Milton Keynes Academy and Lord Grey School – fell below the Government's standard of 40 per cent of students achieving at least five GCSEs at A* to C grade, including maths and English.

A-level results saw some schools getting a D as their average grade, but there were still some strong performances with three schools – Ousedale, Oakgrove and Weber Independent – scoring better than the UK average in terms of points per pupil.

Thornton College was the top-performing school in the area in GCSE exams, with 85 per cent of pupils achieving at least five A*-C grades.

Sir Herbert Leon Academy was the lowest performing school, with just 20 per cent of its pupils hitting the target.

The Hazeley Academy saw similar GCSE results to last year, with 66 per cent of its pupils achieving five A* to C grades.

Principal Tony Nelson said: "Seeing our students achieve excellent results in August was a lovely feeling. Results day provides a clear end point to a stage in a journey, whether this is GCSEs, A-levels or vocational qualifications. It is a time when students who kept focused, followed advice and made the most of their natural talents, reap the benefits."

The full league tables for both GCSE and A-level results can be viewed on our website – **www.onemk.co.uk**

MKNEWSBRIEFS

Teenager stabbed

A 17-YEAR-OLD girl was kicked and stabbed on a redway between Crownhill Crematorium and Great Holm on Friday. Police are looking for a white man after the unprovoked attack took place at about 6pm.

Burglar jailed

A WOLVERTON burglar has been jailed for three years for stealing electronics from a Leadenhall home. Jason Smith, 39, of Green Lane, was found guilty at Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday.

Cancer screenings

WOMEN aged 25 and above are being urged to attend cervical cancer screenings.

Housing wardens' jobs 'safe'

SHELTERED housing officers in Milton Keynes – formerly known as wardens – will all be retained, despite initial plans to scrap the service.

Plans are still in place to save £560,000 from the provision of wardens and elderly residents in sheltered housing have recently been asked to fund the service themselves – or accept a cutback in care.

But Councillor Nigel Long, cabinet member responsible for health and wellbeing, has confirmed none of the 27 sheltered housing officers in the city will lose their jobs.

Teen admits killing Dons fan

A TEENAGER pleaded guilty on Friday to the manslaughter of MK Dons fan James Attfield and student Nah Almanea.

Mr Attfield, 33, was found on Riverside Path in Colchester in the early hours of March 29, 2014, with more than 100 stab wounds to his body.

Nahid Almanea, a student at the University of Essex, was killed on June 17, 2014, as she walked to the university complex in Wivenhoe.

The 17-year-old offender, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

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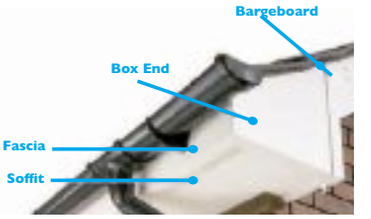

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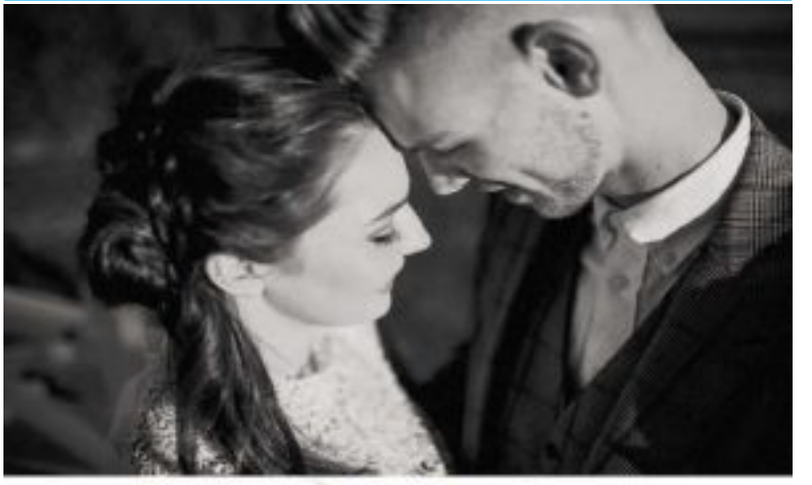

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Former MK NEWS reporter a winner

A FORMER MK NEWS reporter went from double zero to hero on BBC quiz show Pointless this week.

Adam Grinsell, who is now a press officer for ROSPA, competed with his friend Lucy.

Despite being knocked out in round one on their first attempt, the pair returned and managed to walk away with the £4,250 prize, with Adam guessing the pointless answer.

Search for taxi gunpoint robber

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A TAXI passenger was chased by members of the public after he robbed the driver at gunpoint.

The driver stopped his vehicle, a black Toyota Avensis, which had one customer inside, in Lloyds, Coffee Hall, at about 5.50pm on Thursday.

The customer then threatened the taxi driver with a handgun and demanded that he hand over money. A quantity of cash was stolen.

The offender is white, in his mid-20s, slim, with facial stubble.

He was wearing denim jeans, a white T-shirt and a light blue jumper. He was carrying an orange Sainsbury's carrier bag.

The offender entered the taxi outside the supermarket in the Brunel Shopping Centre, Bletchley.

Investigating officer, Det Sgt Jason Simpson of Force CID based at Milton Keynes Police Station, said: "Following the offence the offender ran off in the direction of Oldbrook and was chased by members of the public, who recovered a discarded bag containing a gas powered hand gun.

"I would appeal to anyone who hasn't already come forward to contact police with any information, no matter how insignificant they think it might be."

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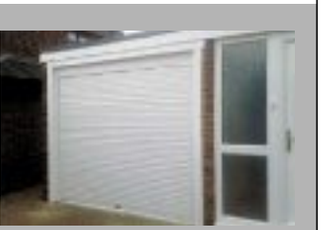

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City would like to hoist purple flag

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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MILTON Keynes' night-time economy could receive a boost and the city centre improved if it got a 'gold-standard' award.

An application for 'purple flag' accreditation – the gold standard award for town centres in the evening and night-time – is being put together by Milton Keynes City Centre Management (MKCCM) and the After 8 organisation and won support at a SaferMK meeting on Thursday.

Laura Chapman, from MKCCM, said: "We're right in the early stages at the moment. But we will look at employment and extending the schemes we currently run."

Other towns and cities that have already been given a purple flag include Luton – where an SOS nighttime bus on Friday and Saturday nights helped about 700 people and saved roughly 480 hours of police time.

Gloucester was also awarded the flag after it launched 'project aqua', which saw free water dispensers put inside busy nightclubs to try to combat the diuretic effect of alcohol and make visits more pleasant for customers.

Going for purple: Ken Tomkins and Laura Chapman from MKCCM launch the bid to help improve nighttime trade in the city centre

Laura added: "It's an interesting one as some places started at different points to others. Milton Keynes is ahead already.

"But there's a lot we could probably still improve on."

The scheme is based on 30 key criteria around five themes – strategy, place, wellbeing, broad appeal and movement, which will be targeted in the application.

Laura added: "I think that we have some areas in CMK where bars come in, stay for a while and disappear.

"Having a purple flag will help bring businesses to the city."

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Minister backs new car park

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BY SCOTT KIRK
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A NEW multi-storey car park in Central Milton Keynes has been welcomed by the Minister of State for Transport.

Patrick McLoughlin said during a visit to Network Rail's headquarters: "I welcome this car park as it is trying to address some urgent problems."

MK NEWS has been running its Fair Parking campaign calling for extra standard rate spaces for workers.

Conservative leader for Milton Keynes Edith Bald has pledged to build a multi-storey car park if her party is successful in the local elections in May. The car park could have about 1,200 spaces.

She said: "We haven't got parking spaces in the right areas and it's been a problem for businesses for the last two years."

Mr McLoughlin added: "One of the things I've said to all leaders is that it's not just transport that is incredibly important, it's the transport infrastructure as well."

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, who was present for Mr McLoughlin's visit on Thursday, has also backed our campaign for fairer parking.

He said: "Better parking is absolutely critical for the future economic health of Milton Keynes as it depends on us being able to get access to the city."

During his visit, Mr McLoughlin was also given an update on the East West Rail project to reintroduce passenger and freight services between Cambridge and Oxford via Milton Keynes.

Network Rail staff and the East West Rail Consortium – a group of businesses and authorities that have come together to get the project going – hope to have it completed by about 2020.

Welcomed: Patrick McLoughlin with Cllr Edith Bald and MP Iain Stewart

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School takes lead

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A SECONDARY school is at the centre of ground-breaking changes to the way children could be taught across Europe.

The Radcliffe School in Wolverton has trialled a more hands-on approach to teaching, which involves the use of technology to try and help students understand 'tricky topics'.

Last week, industry experts visited the school to see what progress had been made.

The project – which has been co-developed by The Open University and HighSkillz – is now in use across parts of Portugal, Spain and Sweden and could be rolled out across Europe.

Juan Pelegrin, from the European Commission, said the project was 'about getting kids and students proactively involved in learning', and added: "We really want to make it work."

Some students at Radcliffe have already benefitted from different teaching methods – such as making videos and creating illustrations on touch screens – in subjects such as maths and physics.

Dr Anne Adams, Juxtalearn co-ordinator from the Open University, said: "It has statistically improved [the students'] understanding and also specifically helps kids with lower ability.

"You can't build unless you have got those foundations that are strong, too often children can just regurgitate information without fully understanding it."

Part of the project is a 'tricky topics tool' which acts as a database to identify specific topics students struggle with, gives examples of the exact type of things they find difficult and offers solutions for teachers.

It is hoped this tool could eventually be used in schools across the country and would allow both students and teachers to share experiences and information with each other.

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Men in Sheds keeps growing

A NEW Men in Sheds group has been set up in West Bletchley.

Following in the footsteps of the Kiln Farm group, the new shedders will be trying to help the community with projects including bird boxes. Meetings are held from 10am on Tuesdays at West Bletchley Council.

Secretary Paul Egerton said: "We have created a smaller version with an emphasis on providing a resource for the community."

Hobbies: The new Men in Sheds group in West Bletchley

New post will bring events to estates

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A NEW community worker will help people on seven estates in the city organise trips and events.

Woughton Community Council has set aside £31,000 in its 2016-17 budget for a community worker, who will work across the authority area, including Netherfield, Beanhill, Coffee Hall and Eaglestone.

"Community development is absolutely vital to the work of the council but more importantly to the community that we represent," said Woughton Community Council leader Kevin Wilson.

"We want to bring people together and help people who may be lonely."

Cllr Wilson said it was an aspect of life the council hadn't been able to devote resources to recently because of other work it had to do, including responding to regeneration plans in Milton Keynes and creating a neighbourhood plan.

He said: "When you look back at the early days of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation there was almost an army of community workers who did tremendous work in the early days.

"It's about doing what the community wants and this person will be a facilitator.

"There has probably been a little gap for quite some time because we have had to put some resources into developing the neighbourhood plan and responding to regeneration so that might have taken some of the resource away from community development."

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Artist will help pupils with outdoor learning

Artist: James Aldridge

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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AN ARTIST will work with four primary schools as part of a pilot scheme announced by MK Gallery.

Activities led by James Aldridge will take place over the next six months to test new approaches to outdoor learning, in the project set up by the gallery's learning team.

Holne Chase Primary School in Bletchley is one of those taking part in the scheme. Assistant head-teacher Ian Fraser said: "We are really looking forward to taking part in the project, especially for how it will help our children to appreciate seasonal changes in the natural environment around them and for the skills that they will learn from an artist.

"This will be a springboard for more outdoor learning opportunities throughout Holne Chase, both this year and in the future."

Wiltshire-based visual artist James combines sensory interaction – such as walking, collecting and making – with research into ecology and history.

Selected by MK Gallery, James said: "I'm excited to be working with MK Gallery this year, using my practice to help bring the outdoors alive for local people.

"I'm looking forward to exploring the green spaces of Milton Keynes with school children and families, digging into its past together and examining its role as a home for wildlife as well as people."

The other schools in the scheme are St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School, Bletchley, Brooklands Farm Primary School and Pepper Hill School in Bradville.

The project will involve around 130 Key Stage One pupils from the schools each taking part in three outdoor learning sessions at Parks Trust sites until July.

Bethany Mitchell, the gallery's childhood learning co-ordinator, added: "As lead artist, James will devise creative activities that will touch on many areas of the national curriculum and allow resultant learning to be fed back into the classroom."

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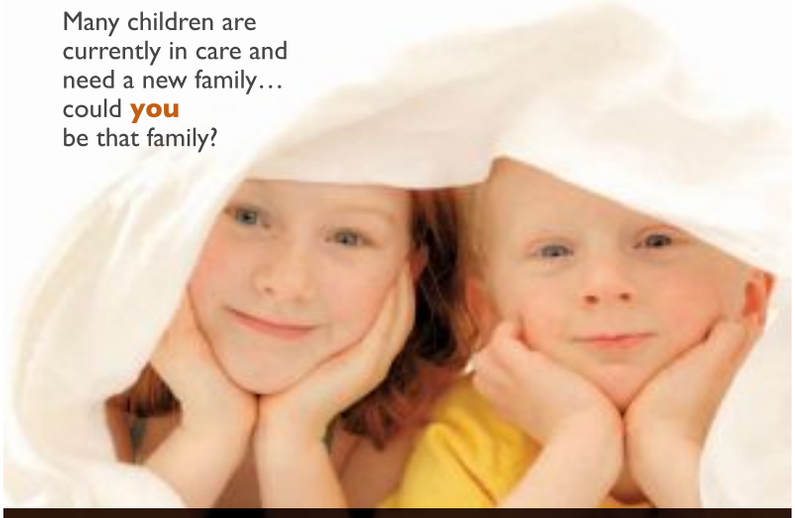

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Spotlight falls on kids

Carer: Sophie Frew helps look after her mum Karen Caldbeck

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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UP TO 2,000 children in Milton Keynes help care for parents and siblings every day and one 13-year-old girl has shared her experiences ahead of Young Carers Awareness Day.

The charity Young Carers MK helps 465 youngsters in the city and thinks there are 1,500 more who care for a family member.

Sophie Frew, 13, has cared for her mum, Karen Caldbeck, 57, who has rheumatic condition fibromyalgia, ever since she can remember and has to balance her studies and social life alongside caring.

After getting up at 6am and helping her mum get ready, Sophie makes her breakfast and sorts out the washing. When she gets home she often cooks dinner, cleans and helps her mum bathe.

"She's done a full day before she's even got to school," Karen said. "She has to help me in and out of the bath and make sure I'm down in the morning. She has it difficult but she won't admit to that.

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Housework: Sophie does a lot to help her mum
Right: Sophie with Debbie Norton, from Young Carers MK

ties, one-to-one support and the opportunity to meet other young carers – has helped both Sophie and her mum.

Karen added: "They were there for us at a difficult time and they help Sophie a lot."

Caring for her mum means Sophie hasn't had the childhood of most others her age, but her responsibilities have become a normal part of life.

"I've done it for as long as I can remember, so I'm just used to it," Sophie said.

The charity runs with a small team of staff and volunteers and hopes Young Carers Awareness Day tomorrow will highlight the work of youngsters like Sophie.

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Suffolk snubs Milton Keynes town plans

Top: Jada DaCosta with her drawing

Poster winner

SIX-YEAR-OLD Jada DaCosta, from Shenley Brook End, has been picked as the winner of Destination MK and MK NEWS' Santa in MK drawing competition.

Children were tasked with drawing Father Christmas in the city for the competition. Read more at **onemk.co.uk**

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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RESIDENTS of villages neighbouring RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk are fearing they will become part of a Milton Keynes-style town, after Government plans were announced to build 4,000 homes.

Defence Minister and MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, has announced plans which will see 55,000 housing units built on Ministry of Defence (MoD) land.

Mildenhall is one of 12 sites the MoD is putting up for sale across the country in an effort to raise £500million.

Currently, about 13,000 people live in Mildenhall and the villages surrounding the site and the construction of 4,000 houses sparked talks of a 'Milden Keynes'.

Fears over the construction of a Milton Keynes-style town are so widespread that the concerns were even featured on the front page of the East Anglian Daily Times last week.

Speaking to the Suffolk and Essex paper, John Smith, a member of West Row Action Group, said: "We were joking about Milden Keynes, but now it is reality. We are being told to accept that the character of the area will change forever, but that is not what the people want."

In response to the fears, Mr Lancaster defended the city and said: "We are about to celebrate our 50th birthday and are thankful and proud of the visionaries who created Milton Keynes. Their plan was to create a progressive environment where people would want to come to work, live and play and it has clearly stood the test of time."

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City's history is just bottled up

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A COLLECTOR is appealing for help in documenting old bottles and flagons found in the city.

Paul Cox, 44, from Walton Park, has so far gathered 30 from Woburn Sands and about a dozen more from areas such as Fenny Stratford, Newport Pagnell and Wolverton.

Now the avid collector has set-up a Facebook page – Milton Keynes Old Bottles & Flagons – and is asking people to submit pictures of their own artefacts in order to document the city's history.

Paul said: "I started to collect a few bits from The Fir Tree Inn in Woburn Sands, which my parents used to own, and my passion just grew from there.

"In some instances, there are no other traces of the businesses that produced these bottles and flagons remaining and it is nice to have some tangible evidence of these places now the buildings and people have gone."

History: Part of Paul Cox's collection of old bottles and flagons – large containers for drinks, typically with a spout and handle

Having grown up in Woburn Sands, Paul has researched the history of the area since 1989 and also runs the area's collection page on the Milton Keynes Heritage Association's website.

The collector typically finds ginger beer and glass bottles from around the city and is always stunned when people tell him the area has no history.

Paul added: "You have to inform people that Milton Keynes is made up of all the old villages and towns, and things like the railways and the canal is evidence of the history here. People think the whole city is all new – they do not realise there is a history before 1967 when Milton Keynes was born."

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Appeal to help victim of email scammers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A KINDHEARTED resident is trying to raise money for an 84-year-old man who was conned by an email scam.

Hayley Bowkett, 23, of Great Linford, saw Arthur Rowley's story on our website – onemk.co.uk – and is now hoping residents will compensate him for some of the £2,000 he lost.

Mr Rowley, from Coffee Hall, wanted to warn others after he was tricked by the scam.

He received an email purporting to be from his close friends Frank and Ann, who he knows very well after they performed together regularly in the Third Age Players theatre group.

They said they were abroad in Turkey and had been robbed of everything they had. They needed money to pay the hotel. The email claimed they would 'refund the money as soon as they got home' but sadly for Mr Rowley, the email wasn't actually from the couple.

The scammers asked for £1,850 and even used Frank's name in invoice details for the money transfer.

Victim: Arthur Rowley is warning others after he was conned

Mr Rowley used MoneyGram to send £1,000 and then another £1,000 to who he thought were his friends.

It was only when they asked for more money that Mr Rowley began to have his suspicions.

He said: "I felt I could trust Frank and Ann and I just wanted to help them get back to the country.

"I really want to warn others and feel like this could happen to anyone.

"It was from my friends email so the scammers must have hacked my email.

"I called Ann in Bletchley and said how relieved I was that they were home, but she said they hadn't been anywhere."

Mr Rowley, who lives with his cat Cleo after losing his wife a few years ago, contacted Thames Valley Police, Action Fraud and MoneyGram but they said there was little they could do to get him his money back.

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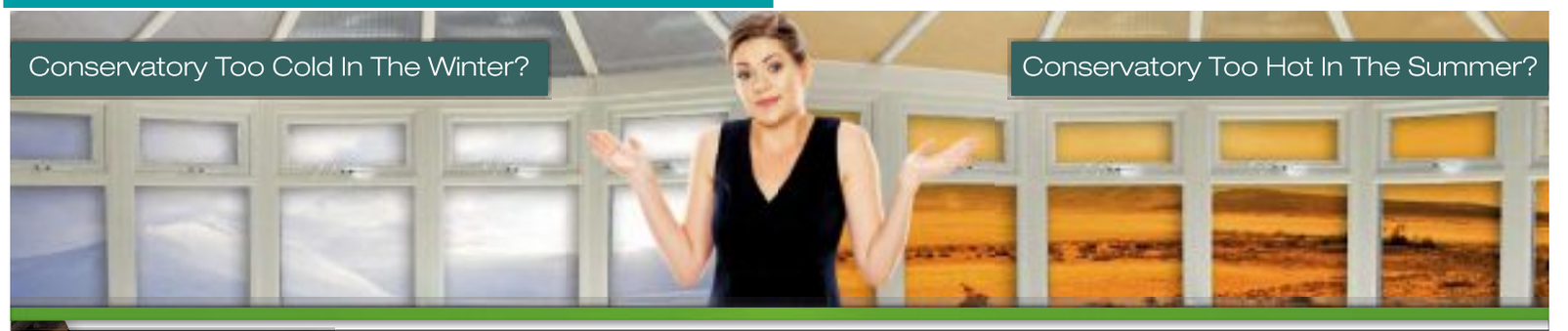

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Be proud: The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile returns to Milton Keynes on March 20

Sign up for charity mile

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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THE Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile is back – and it's returning to Milton Keynes!

The city is set to host its third Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday, March 20 and needs local people to come together and make themselves proud by entering at www.sportrelief.com

Local heroes will be walking and running to raise life-changing money for Sport Relief 2016.

The colourful, cheerful and eager milers will be doing their bit to make a difference to people living across the UK and the world's poorest communities.

Setting off from The Church of Christ the Cornerstone, the Milton Keynes Mile will follow the tree-lined boulevards of Central Milton Keynes.

Darren Gray, sports development manager at Milton Keynes Council, said: "The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in Milton Keynes is here and it's your time to walk or run yourself proud.

"From little ones with their mums and dads, to runners up against the clock, there's something for everyone to make themselves feel proud on this special day."

Sport Relief is back from March 18 to March 20 and there are more ways than ever for you to take part and help change lives.

Whether you get sponsored to enter an event at the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games or fundraise with friends and family at home, work or school, you'll help people living incredibly tough lives. In fact, half of all the money raised by the public is spent right here at home in the UK, with the other half used to make a difference in the world's poorest communities.

Volunteers are required to help marshal on the day.

If you are interested, contact Darren at darren.gray@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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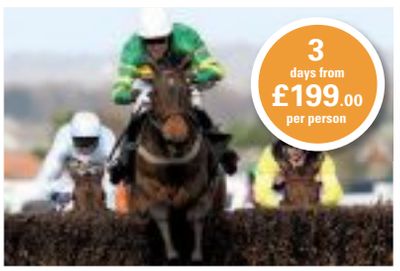

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Driverless pods 'winning support'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A GOVERNMENT survey has revealed residents are excited about driverless pods in Milton Keynes.

But there are concerns about the levels of safety and reliability, which a planned trial will aim to address.

The independent YouGov poll was commissioned by the Transport Systems Catapult organisation, which is overseeing the LUTZ Pathfinder 'pod' trial.

It found 61 per cent of people would be interested in using the electric-powered two-seater pods for 'short hop' journeys.

Transport Systems Catapult CEO Steve Yianni said: "The LUTZ Pathfinder project is trailing the technical capabilities of self-driving vehicles, but it also has an equally important role in increasing public awareness about this technology and its potential benefits.

"It's wonderful to see how much the people of Milton Keynes are getting behind the project and we'll continue to engage with the public and watch how they interact with the pods as the project progresses."

Survey: Sixty-one per cent of people would be interested in using pods for 'short hop' journeys

Are you looking forward to using a driverless pod? Let us know by emailing us at **editor@mk-news.co.uk**

The survey found that 78 per cent of people had heard about the pods.

But is also found that people were concerned about the safety of the technology and their impact on pedestrians walking on the redways and paths.

Three of the vehicles will be taking to pedestrian paths in the city centre in a trial later this year when they will be driven initially in manual mode.

Once the pods start to operate in self-driving mode, a trained test driver will remain in each pod ready to take control if required.

Findings from the trial will be fed into the three-year UK Autodrive programme, which will involve a fleet of 40 pods, as well as regular road-based cars operating in Milton Keynes and Coventry.

"While the overall attitude of the public towards self-driving vehicles is reassuringly positive, particularly in Milton Keynes itself, there are always understandable concerns around new technology," Mr Yianni added. "So a key part of this trial will be to demonstrate the high safety levels and reliability of these vehicles – as well as to identify what work still needs to be done in future trials."

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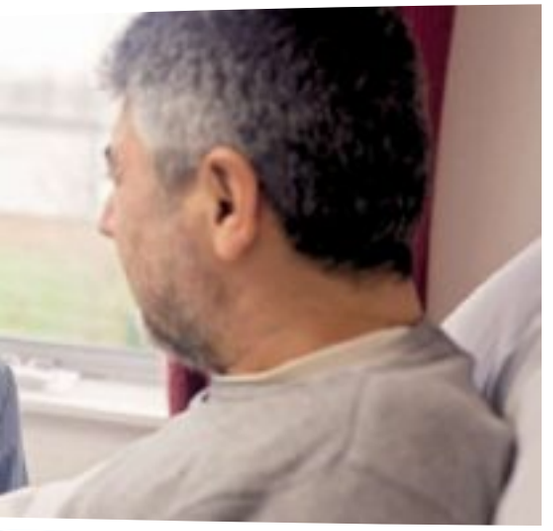

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Tale of fans' split loyalties

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE MK Dons v Chelsea match promises to be a great occasion, but for two fans, the FA Cup tie will be quite emotional.

Ash Berriman and Allan Sneddon, who play for the same football team, are both Chelsea and Dons fans.

Both have Dons season tickets and both sets of parents support Chelsea, so they will be in for a strange day as the teams that they love battle it out for a spot in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

But that is where the similarities stop for them both.

Ash, 27, from Broughton, admits that he is '60-40' in favour of Chelsea, while 22-year-old Allan, of Tattenhoe, says Dons are his first love.

It promises to be a ding-dong battle on Sunday – and not just for the players out on the pitch!

Ash, while being predominantly a Chelsea fan, has a Dons season ticket because the price is a lot more affordable.

"It gets a bit technical for me," said accountant Ash.

"It's a no-lose situation for me on Sunday – Chelsea need to win and I'm sure with how desperately poor their season is going, fans see the FA Cup as their most realistic chance of silverware this season.

"With Dons there are no secrets about the cash that the club needs and that would be really significant for the next few years.

"It's going to be weird but really exciting."

For Allan it is Dons who command his heart and he fondly remembers the Manchester United 4-0 victory last season.

"It was brilliant seeing the stadium full and games like that get you more hyped up for more big games," said the Foreign Office worker.

"Both teams aren't playing great at the moment."

Both agree that they think Chelsea will prevail. Ash is predicting a 3-1 triumph, while Allan reckons it will be 2-1 to Chelsea – although he does hold out hope that Dons can nick it 1-0.

Whatever the score though, it promises to be another great day for Milton Keynes as the city is once again the centre of national attention.

Clash: Ash Berriman, *left*, and Allan Sneddon support Chelsea and Dons

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My dad is an FA Cup legend, says Martin

Good time: Jake Forster-Caskey

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS goalkeeper David Martin will be following in his dad's footsteps when he plays in the FA Cup tie against Chelsea.

Martin's dad, Alvin, won the FA Cup with West Ham United in 1980 and is a bit of a legend to his son.

He said: "We've got this big room at home and he's got his medal and shirt on the wall.

"You look at that and think 'Yeah he was a bit of a legend was my dad'.

"It's great to talk about that with him and that day meant so much to him.

"To have won the FA Cup was a great thing for my dad to have done."

Stadiummk will be packed for the Chelsea game, similar to when Dons beat Manchester United 4-0, and Martin admitted that he did not realise the effect that game would have.

"For me I try and treat it as another game," said Martin. "I never went into the Man United game thinking we were going to be beaten or we were going to beat them.

"It's a game you want to be a part of and these times don't come around often.

"Not letting it get the better of you is important. It's important to treat it as another game and then whatever happens, happens. We just need to enjoy it.

"I don't think we really realised the affect the Man United game had and for weeks and weeks after, you're walking around and people are recognising you."

For midfielder Jake Forster-Caskey the FA Cup game is coming at a perfect time.

The Brighton loanee can't wait for the match on Sunday.

"Nobody expects us to beat the champions so it's probably a good time for that to come so we can get some confidence out of that and take it into the league."

Enjoy game: David Martin

How do the teams match up?

Sixth season: Dons manager Karl Robinson

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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AHEAD of MK Dons' fourth round FA Cup clash against Chelsea on Sunday, we take a look at how the two clubs match up and where the key battles could take place on the pitch.

Chelsea – who languish in 13th place in the Premier League – may look to the FA Cup as a potential glimmer of hope in what has been a disappointing season so far.

Dons look likely to face a relegation battle, but the glamour tie could give the side a much-needed boost as they head into the latter part of the season.

The two clubs have very different aims this season – Dons are hoping to survive in the Championship, while Chelsea still have the prospect of a Champions League tie against Paris St Germain.

The clubs are separated by 26 league places and the differences between the squads are startling.

With Chelsea's team costing a mammoth £299million to assemble – the Dons reportedly put theirs together for less than £1million – it is not surprising some Dons players could be in for a difficult afternoon up against some of the world's most-expensive stars.

Kyle Mcfadzean – who reportedly cost between £200,000 and £300,000 – is likely to face £30million Spanish international Diego Costa, who is fresh from sinking Arsenal with a winning goal at the weekend.

Samir Carruthers – who reportedly cost Dons around £220,000 – will be looking to star in midfield for Dons. But he'll have a battle on his hands trying to outshine Chelsea's £32million Brazilian star Willian – who has arguably been Chelsea's best player this season.

The two managers are also at very different stages in their career – not only in terms of age but also their time at the clubs.

Karl Robinson, just 35, is in his sixth season as manager of the Dons, making him the third-longest serving boss in English football.

By contrast, Guus Hiddink, 69, has only been back at Chelsea for just over a month.

His previous time at Chelsea is little help to his second spell, with the core of the team and the majority of the squad now completely different.

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Second spell: Chelsea manager Guus Hiddink

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gangstagranny

WHEN actor, writer and comedian David Walliams was a boy he used to sit captivated at the knees of his two grandmas as they told him tales of their lives and experiences in the Second World War.

Decades later, the successful author decided to return to those days of his childhood and write his best-selling novel Gangsta Granny in 2011.

Now, Birmingham Stage Company is bringing the stage version to Milton Keynes Theatre from February 9 to 13.

While David's grannies were no mobsters, he admits that he did take a touch of inspiration from them.

He said: "Sometimes, I would selfishly think spending time with them could be boring but when I got them on a subject like living in London during the world war, they would become very animated and I would be enthralled.

"There was definitely a smell of cabbages in one of my grandma's houses," David said. "The other did break wind like a duck quacking when she walked across the room.

"Children love spending time with their grandparents because they love hearing their stories."

Tickets for the family production are £24.40. Find out more and book at www.atgtickets.com/milton-keynes

SPRING will start to stir in the garden this month.

Shrubs that have flowered over winter and finished can be pruned, for example lonicera, sarcoccoca and viburnum.

Once snowdrops have finished flowering divide any large clumps while they are still in the 'green'.

Plants requiring trimming are:

- Evergreen hedges into shape
- Any deciduous grasses – cut back dead growth down close to ground level
- Early summer flowering shrubs – cut back hard to encourage new growth
- Larger flower displays this coming summer – these will include popular lines such as buddleia, lavatera, hydrangea paniculata, hardy fuchsia, perovskia and leycesteria.
- Also, hellebores (winter and lenten roses) are now flowering in the garden, so you need to cut off the old foliage to enable a better view of the flowers and reduce the risk of fungal foliage diseases.

For all the really keen gardeners, it is time to buy seed potatoes to lay out in trays so they can grow new shoots prior to planting.

Summer flowering bulbs such as lilies, gladioli and begonia are also available to be planted early on in containers.

If you have a conservatory with climbers, like passion flower, jasmine, plumbago or bougainvillea, prune them as long as the temperature in your building does not fall below 10 degrees centigrade.

MANAGING director of Frosts in Woburn Sands, JAMES FROST, shares his top tips for looking after your garden in February with MK LIFE readers

pointless quiz

FANS of popular TV show Pointless have got the chance to have a go themselves at a quiz night in Stony Stratford.

The quiz – which takes place at the York House Centre on Friday from 7pm to 10.30pm – is for teams of up to six and costs £3 per person.

You can try to find the most-obscure right answer while enjoying a bar that serves real ale and cider, wine, soft drinks, nuts and crisps.

All money raised will help fund York House's community projects. Go to yorkhouse.org for information on how to buy tickets.

martyn joseph

RENOWNED guitar player and singer Martyn Joseph is returning to The Stables to play a gig in the Jim Marshall Auditorium.

Joseph's percussive style and show-stopping voice gives him a unique style and his performances have led him to be called 'The Welsh Springsteen'.

He released his new studio album last autumn and he'll be playing these new songs – along with other familiar and much-loved material – at the gig.

It will take place on Saturday, starting at 8pm. Tickets cost £18 and are available at www.stables.org.

WIN a VIP treat at Electric Social

HOW does a VIP area for you and your friends, two bottles of Prosecco and 10 bottles of Sol sound as a cheeky treat this January?

Thanks to the guys at Electric Social in the Theatre District, this could be yours on a night of your choice.

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Arts Central MK has a range of male and female models at its studio at 106-108 Saxon Gate.

Basic materials, including paper, drawing boards, pencils, charcoal and some pastels, are provided.

Sessions will be held tomorrow and next Thursday from 7pm to 9pm and cost £8 each, or £35 for five.

walkingwomen

WOMEN of all ages are being invited to get together and go walking around some of the beautiful areas of Milton Keynes.

The women's walking network is held monthly and the walks are normally between four and five miles long.

The walks cost £1 per person and the next one is on February 4 at Furzton Lake.

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creative workshop

CHILDREN are invited to a bird-themed workshop on Saturday for the final part of the RSPB's The Big Birdhouse Tour at intu in January.

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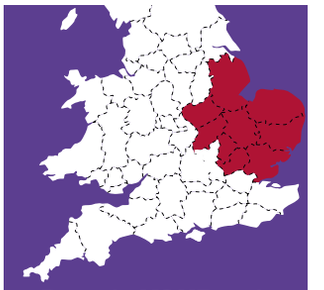

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BLACK guy, 47, 6"tall, slim and attractive seeks a large built black or white lady 38 to 55 years old. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418745**

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SINGLE white male, 50, seeks genuine, sincere, black/Asian female for LTR, age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398569**

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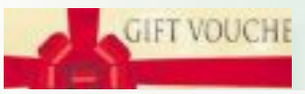

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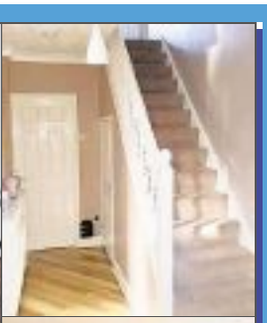

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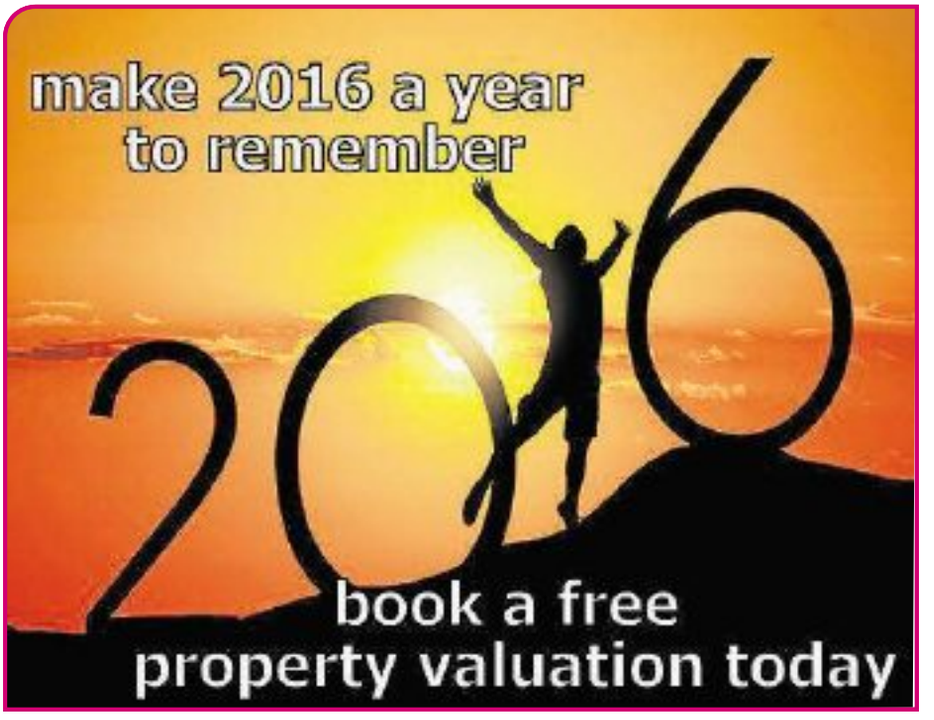

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Giffard Park £279,995

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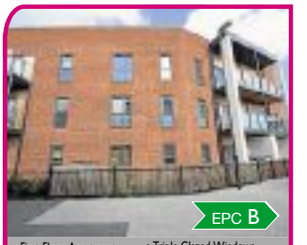

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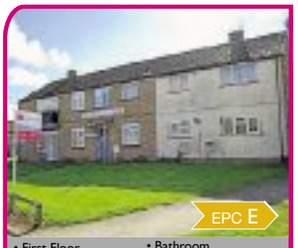

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Bletchley £150,000

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To arrange an informal discussion, please contact Ms Paula Sanders, PA to the Headteacher. Email: headspa@icknield.primaryluton.co.uk or call 01582 534000.

Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment.

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Closing Date: 4th February 2016
Interview Date: 10th February 2016

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Interview Date: TBC

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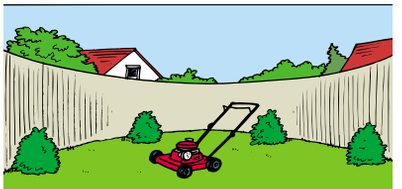

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Licensing Notices

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE.

NOTICE is hereby given that: Boutique French Wine Limited

Has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

At Unit K, Lyon Road, Bletchley, MK1 1EX

The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

Off supply of alcohol via postal and courier services to support internet based sales activities.
Monday to Friday 08.00 to 18.00, Saturday 08.00 to 12.00

Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing

Any person or responsible authority may make representations either against or in support of the application In writing by the followrng date: 17th February 2016

To the following address: LICENSING TEAM, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ 01908 252800 I Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this application will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.)

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

Dated this 20th day of January 2016 ©LW

Public Notices

highways england

UNDER ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a) AND REGULATION 16(2) OF THE MOTORWAY TRAFFIC (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1982 THE FOLLOWING APPLIES THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 14) NORTHBOUND (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (a) intends to make an Order on the M1 Motorway in Milton Keynes to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 1 night (11pm – 5am, Monday - Friday) commencing on or after Thursday 18 February 2016.

The effect of the Order would be to impose a speed restriction of 50 miles per hour on the M1 northbound carriageway from a point 600 metres north of the northbound entry slip road at J14 to a point 900 metres south of the northbound exit slip road at Newport Pagnell services, Milton Keynes. At times traffic would be directed to run on the hard shoulder.

The temporary mandatory speed restriction (which would not apply to emergency services or special forces vehicles), would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (OLD STRATFORD ROUNDABOUT TO A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN ROUNDABOUT) MILTON KEYNES (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (a) intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to enable replacement of the safety barrier and associated works to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place in phases over 17 weeks using lane closures and slip road closures (10pm-6am) starting on, or after, Monday 15 February 2016. Full carriageway closures may also be required.

For the purposes of this notice the A5/A508 Old Stratford Roundabout, the A5/A422 Monks Way Abbey Hill Roundabout, the A5 Portway Roundabout, the A5/Grafton Street/Groveway Redmoor Roundabout and the A5/A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout will be referred to, respectively, as Old Stratford Roundabout, Abbey Hill Roundabout, Portway Roundabout, Redmoor Roundabout and Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout.

The effect of the Order would be to:–

1. impose, for 24 hours daily, a speed limit of 50 miles per hour with narrow lanes, on the A5 between Old Stratford Roundabout and Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, and
2. close, alternately, if required, the A5 between:-
   - Old Stratford Roundabout and Abbey Hill Roundabout, diverting southbound traffic via Towcester Road, Queen Eleanor Street, Watling Street and Monks Way, vice versa for northbound traffic,
   - Abbey Hill Roundabout and Redmoor Roundabout, diverting southbound traffic via Monks Way, Watling Street, Chaffron Way, and Grafton Street, vice versa for northbound traffic, and
   - Redmoor Roundabout and Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, diverting southbound traffic via Grafton Street, Standing Way, the A4146 and Brickhill Street, and vice versa for northbound traffic.

All lay-bys adjacent to, and all slip roads leading from and to, the lengths of trunk road described at 2 above would remain closed during the works.

The speed limit (which would not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles), closures (which would not apply to emergency service, traffic officer, winter maintenance or works vehicles) and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Orders would come into force on 15 February 2016 and have a maximum duration of 18 months.

Mrs Y A Tomkins, Highways England Company Limited.

Registered in England and Wales under company no. 9346363. Registered Office: Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4LZ.

General Enquiries relating to these notices may be made in writing to Mindy Bhogal at Highways England Company Limited, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW, by telephoning 01234 796071 or email to mindy.bhogal@highwaysengland.co.uk

Licensing Notices

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that: JT Trading Limited has applied to The Licensing Authority at Milton Keynes Council for a Premises Licence at: Hanslope News, Gold Street Hanslope Milton Keynes MK19 7LU. The proposed application is for the sale of alcohol OFF the Premises between the hours of 6am to 22.00 Monday to Sunday. Any interested party or responsible authority wishing to make representations in respect of this application must do so in writing by: 10th February 2016 to the following address: Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices 1 Saxon Gate East Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ Tel: 01908 252800. Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Friday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk. Representations received in response to this application will be made available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence. Dated this 13th day of January 2016. T460535

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 116
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

STOPPING UP OF AN AREA OF HIGHWAY COMPRISING OF REDWAY ON THE C155, V5 GREAT MONKS STREET ADJACENT TO GREENLEYS ROUNDABOUT, WOLVERTON, MILTON KEYNES, STOPPING UP ORDER 2016

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to apply to the Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court sitting at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court, 301 Silbury Boulevard, Witan Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 2AJ on **Friday 26th February 2016 at 10.00am** for an Order under section 116 Highways Act 1980 authorising the Council to stop–up an area of the highway comprising of redway on the C155, V5 Great Monks Street adjacent to the Greenleys Roundabout, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, which for the purposes of identification is shown shaded in a pink block on the plan to which the Order relates and described in the Schedule below, on the grounds that the area of highway is unnecessary for highway purposes.

At the hearing of the application for the Order, any person who would be aggrieved by the making of the Order applied for, will have the right to be heard.

A copy of the plan showing the area of the highway to be stopped-up can be inspected free of charge at the offices of Milton Keynes Council at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate, East Milton Keynes, MK9 3HG between 9.30am and 4.30pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Please quote reference WL-P&E-010165-SUO.

SCHEDULE

AREA OF HIGHWAY TO BE STOPPED UP

C155, V5 GREAT MONKS STREET, WOLVERTON, MILTON KEYNES – that part of the highway verge comprising of the redway on the C155 Great Monks Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes from a point approximately 2.90 metres north-west of the north eastern kerbline of Addington Avenue, Wolverton, adjacent to Greenleys Roundabout, for a distance of approximately 6.82 metres in a north westerly direction and approximately 1 metre in width out from the building line of the apartment block comprising 63-72 Addington Avenue, a total area of approximately 6.82 square metres.

Milton Keynes Council
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes MK9 3HG

27th January 2016
Sharon Bridglalsingh
Head of Legal Services
Planning Property & Procurement

SECTION 53 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NUMBER 32, PARISH OF KENTS HILL AND MONKSTON)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2016

The above Order made on 26th January 2016, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding to them the footpath from Frithwood Crescent, Kents Hill, at point A on the Order Plan at O.S Grid Reference SP 489569/237334 in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 382 metres to the path edge at Eridge Green play area, Kents Hill, at point B at O.S Grid Reference SP 489558/237716 as shown by a broken black line with short intervals on the Order Plan.

A copy of the Order and Plan may be inspected free of charge at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on any working day and copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £3.00. Copies may also be seen at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and at Kingston Library, Winchester Circle, Kingston, Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any representation or objection relating to the Order must be **sent in writing** to the Head of Legal Services, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HG, quoting reference PE/WL/012628/DMMO, **to be received** not later than the 9th March 2016, stating the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, instead of submitting it to the Secretary of State, may itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

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27th January 2016
Sharon Bridglalsingh
Head of Legal Services
Planning Property& Procurement

(BRICKHILL STREET (PART), BOW BRICKHILL)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 26th January 2016 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

30th January – 1st February 2016

- **Brickhill Street, Bow Brickhill** – 20 Metres either side of the Bow Brickhill Level Crossing located between Caldecotte Lake Drive and Station Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Brickhill Street, A4146\H10 Bletcham Way, A5 and Brickhill Street.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 11.00pm and 04.30am or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 30th January 2016 and will expire on 30th April 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BRIDGE 87/BRIDLEWAY, PEARTREE BRIDGE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE)
ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 26th January 2016 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles and pedestrians from entering, waiting or proceeding along Bridge 87 and its adjoining footpath and bridleway. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 1st February 2016.

Whilst the above paths are closed the alternative route will be via the Canal Towpath and Waterside.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of path.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 1st February 2016 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS IN EMBERTON, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES, KINGSTON, SHENLEY CHURCH END, BOW BRICKHILL AND BLETCHLEY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURES) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 26th January 2016 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

3rd February 2016

- **Petsoe End, Emberton** – At the entrance to 1 Charity Cottage

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the there will be no alternative route as it is a dead end road. Access to properties will be maintained during the closure.

4th February 2016

- **Third Avenue, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with First Avenue and Denbigh Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Denbigh Road and First Avenue.
- **First Avenue, Bletchley –** Between its junctions with Third Avenue and James Way

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Third Avenue and Denbigh Road (and vice versa).

  First Avenue and Third Avenue will not be closed simultaneously.
- **Staple Hall Road, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Rhondda Close and Simpson Road.

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Bilton Road, Watling Street and Simpson Road.
- **Whaddon Way, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Warwick Road and Shenley Road.

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Warwick Road, Dover Gate and Shenley Road.

5th February 2016

- **Pigott Drive, Shenley Church End –** Between its junctions with Selby Grove and Fulmer Street

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Fulmer Street, H6 Childs Way and Selby Grove.

6th February 2016

- **Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes –** Central junction between Lower Eighth Street and South Eighth Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Avebury Boulevard and Saxon Gate (North toward Lower Eighth Street).

  The alternative route travelling to South Eighth Street will be via Avebury Boulevard and the central junction linking Lower Tenth Street and South Tenth Street.

7th February 2016

- **Winchester Circle, Kingston –** Westbound carriageway on its northern roundabout.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Lasborough Road, Chippenham Drive and A4146 Tongwell Street.
- **Winchester Circle, Kingston –** The southern roundabout exit to H8 Standing Way.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Standing Way, Lasborough Road and Winchester Circle.
- **Chippenham Drive, Kingston –** Between its junctions with V11 Tongwell Street and Mandeville Drive

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Mandeville Road, H7 Chaffron Way and V11 Tongwell Street.

  Access to commercial properties will be maintained.
- **Mandeville Drive, Kingston –** Between its junctions with Maidstone Road and Chippenham Drive.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Maidstone Road and Chippenham Drive.

  The above closures in Kingston on 7th February 2016 will not take place simultaneously.

10th February 2016

- **Brickhill Street, Bow Brickhill –** Between the level crossing and Brickhill Street's junction with Station Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H10 Bletcham Way, A5 and Brickhill Street.

The above closures will be implemented from the 3rd February 2016 on the above dates for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists and pedestrians of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2016 and will expire on 3rd May 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to business or residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN MOUNT FARM, SHENLEY BROOK END, STANTONBURY AND LOUGHTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURES) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road or footpaths in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

10th February 2016

- **Saxon Street, Mount Farm** – Between its junctions with Denbigh Roundabout and Bramley Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Bletcham Way, V6 and Groveway (and vice versa).

  Access to business properties off Saxon Street will be maintained.
- **Cressey Avenue, Shenley Brook End** – Between its junctions with Bletchley Road and Wallinger Drive.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Bletchley Road, Whaddon Road and Wallinger Drive (and vice versa).
- **The footpath that links Bradwell Road with Snaith Crescent, Loughton**

  Whilst the above length of footpath is closed the alternative route will be via footpaths parallel to Bradwell Road and Snaith Crescent (and vice versa).

11th February 2016

- **Little Stanton, Stantonbury** – Between its junctions with West Hill and Redbridge.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Crosslands, Walshs Manor, and Redbridge (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented from the 27th January 2016 on the above dates for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists and pedestrians of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 27th January 2016 and will expire on 27th April 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to business or residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

27 January 2016

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall

Tony Toynton
Service Director – Public Realm

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02980/FUL	First floor rear extension at 38 Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands
15/03190/FUL	Demolition of existing garages and washrooms and erection of two storey extension to front elevation and two storey extension to rear elevation to provide meeting hall, living accommodation and two shops sy Central Mosque, 14 - 16 Church Street, Wolverton.
15/03210/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce 1x Silver Maple by 2-3m and remove overgrown branches, fell 1x Prunus tree and remove 1x Acer tree at 12 Tankard Close, Newport Pagnell.
16/00005/ADV	Advertisement consent for the installation of 1 internally illuminated totem sign and 1 non illuminated banner sign (part retrospective) (resubmission of 15/02670/ADV) at 9 London Road, Stony Stratford.
16/00020/TCA	Notification of intention to crown lift by 5m x2 London Plane trees Land To The Right of 7A High Street North Crawley.
16/00069/FUL	Replacement windows to front elevation at 87 Anson Road, Wolverton.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/03208/TCA	Remove one conifer and reduce crown of yew tree by appx 1.5 metres and cut back branches at Church View Cottage, 14 North Street, Castlethorpe.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
16/00028/LBC	Listed building consent to replace the flooring to the ground floor to flag stones at Melville Farm, 15 Shenley Road, Bletchley
16/00089/LBC	Listed building consent for 2 fascia signs and 2 externally illuminated hanging signs at Worksmart House, 41-43 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

16/00025/OUT	Outline consent for construction of a three storey northern extension with a GIA of 375 sq.m (including new Rehearsal space, digital recording studios, additional offices, toilets and satellite plant rooms), a new flexible use studio building in the south west of the site with a link to the existing stable block (capacity of 225 seats and balcony for 50 standing), 164 additional grasscrete parking spaces, associated landscaping and future access to the adjoining site. All matters other than access are reserved at The Stables, Stockwell Lane, Wavendon.
	DEPARTURE FROM LOCAL PLAN
15/02490/MKCOD3	Erection of a three storey secondary school (750 place), two storey special education needs school (50 place) and a single storey sports hall; including associated access, car and cycle parking, play areas, sports fields and amenity space at Land Off Timbold Drive, Kents Hill Park.
15/03076/FUL	Erection of 330 place Primary School with 26 place day nursery and associated access, car and cycle parking, play areas, sports fields and amenity space at Land West of Timbold Drive, Kents Hill Park.

ANNA ROSE
SERVICE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

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New Mercedes-Benz E-Class Saloon now available to order in UK

The new Mercedes-Benz E-Class Saloon is now available to order in the UK, priced from £35,935 OTR, ahead of first deliveries in May. Two trim levels are available, SE and AMG Line, and two engines, the E 220 d and E 350 d. The UK range starts with the E 220 d SE, priced from £35,935, with the E 220 d AMG Line from £38,430. The E 350 d SE starts at £44,930, and the E 350 d AMG Line at £47,425.

The E 220 d uses an all-new four-cylinder 2.0-litre bi-turbo engine producing 195 hp and 400 Nm, with the nine-speed 9G-Tronic automatic gearbox that is standard on all new UK E-Class Saloon models. As well as helping to create seamlessly smooth shifts, the 9G-Tronic gearbox also contributes to the E 220 d's low 102 g/km CO_2 rating and high 72.4 mpg economy. By comparison the previous-generation E 220 CDI Saloon, launched in 2009, produced 170 hp from its 2.1-litre engine, and returned a then-impressive 53.3 mpg and 139 g/km of CO_2. Acceleration from 0-62 mph in the new E 200 d takes just 7.3 seconds – 0.4 seconds faster than the outgoing E 250 CDI.

First deliveries of the six-cylinder E 350 d are due in the summer. This produces 258 hp and 620 Nm; making for 0-62 mph in 5.9 sec, while emitting 133 g/km and returning 55.4 mpg. These are improvements over the previous-generation E 350 CDI Saloon of 27 hp; 80 Nm; 0.9 sec; 48 g/km and 14.5 mpg. The petrol-electric hybrid E 350 e (279 hp; 600 Nm; 6.2 sec; 49 g/km; 134.5 mpg) joins the UK line-up later in 2016.

Standard specification on the SE includes: Garmin Map Pilot navigation system with 8.4-inch display; Parktronic parking sensors with reversing camera and Park Pilot self-parking system; Collision Prevention Assist Plus autonomous emergency braking system; Pre-Safe anticipatory safety system (including Pre-Safe Sound, which helps prevent damage to hearing); 64-colour selectable LED interior lighting; two-zone automatic climate control; three-spoke multifunction steering wheel with dual touchpads; leather upholstery with heated front seats; LED headlights and taillights; electrically folding mirrors and 17-inch wheels (18-inch on the E 350 d).

AMG Line models come with AMG exterior styling including unique bumpers and side skirts; 19-inch alloy wheels; perforated front brake discs; three-spoke AMG steering wheel; and Artico leather and Dynamica microfiber upholstery with seat comfort package.

All E 350 d models come with Air Body Control multi-chamber air suspension as standard, as well as COMAND satellite navigation with 12.3-inch display and remote online services.

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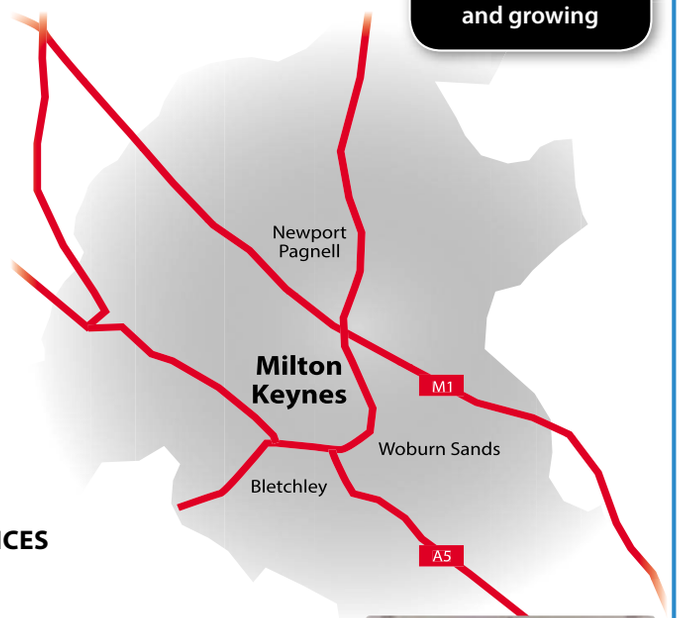

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Honda Jazz

NOW YOU HAS JAZZ

An astonishing number of Honda Jazz owners buy another and the third generation version we're looking at here aims to keep them loyal. But the Japanese brand also needs to attract new converts to its clever little supermini, something that will be easier to do with this MK3 model thanks to its smarter looks, better driving experience and optional hybrid power. For very good reasons, this is the supermini that industry insiders most commonly recommend.

The Jazz rides on Honda's new global B-segment chassis and as such is both lighter and more structurally rigid than its predecessor. The suspension is also lighter, with struts up front and a torsion beam rear end combining with a longer wheelbase to better isolate road noise and surface imperfections. The revised dampers also assist in improving ride quality and a redesigned electric power-assisted steering system claims to deliver better feedback for the driver. Yes, you heard that right: feedback. In a Honda Jazz. Things have certainly changed.

Comprehensive soundproofing brings further improvements, and Honda has worked at reducing engine, road and wind noise. Noise paths over the body were forensically scrutinised and aerodynamic covers under the body reduce airflow noise. The only Jazz engine choice is a 1.3 litre i-VTEC petrol unit with 102PS of power. It's mated to a six-speed manual transmission which replaces the old five-speed 'box, and there's also the option of a semi-automatic CVT transmission.

The interior has come on leaps and bounds with a huge windscreen that imparts a genuine feel of airiness up front. It extends way overhead, meeting the roof panel a good few inches aft of where you'd normally expect that junction. This, along with the large front quarter windows, provides respectable forward visibility. Boot capacity measures 354-litres, with space extending to 884-litres with the 'Magic Seats' folded. The dash is dominated by either a five-inch LCD multi-information display or a seven-inch Honda Connect infotainment touchscreen, depending on model grade. The bigger screen is driven by Android 'phone technology and features smartphone-style 'pinch, swipe and tap' operation. In addition, it offers MirrorLink functionality, which means that it'll replicate the display and workings of your Android smartphone. Those betrothed to Apple will have to buy a clunky aftermarket case.

This smarter third generation Honda Jazz has evolved, with its ethos shifting subtly. One thing hasn't changed though. Ask almost any motoring expert to recommend the supermini they'd buy with their own money and many will still plump for this one. It isn't the feistiest car of its kind on a twisty road, but we'd trade that for this model's excellent ride and superb gearbox. Honda dealers will doubtless also be pleased that with optional hybrid power, this car continues to offer an important and topical selling point.

But at the end of the day, that isn't personally why we'd choose one. For us, it's still the cleverness of this car's packaging that impresses most, with its neat magic seating and tardis-like cabin. It's true that equipment levels could be higher and cabin materials plusher but against that, build quality is excellent and residual values unrivalled. It all explains why this car has such a dedicated following. Try one and you'll understand.

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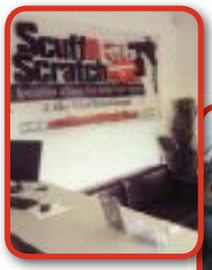

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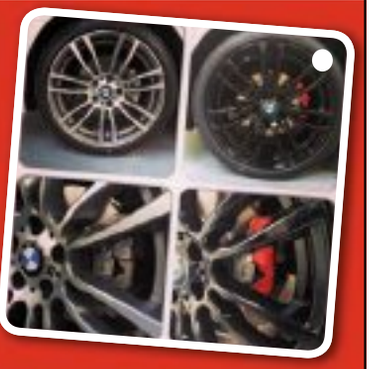

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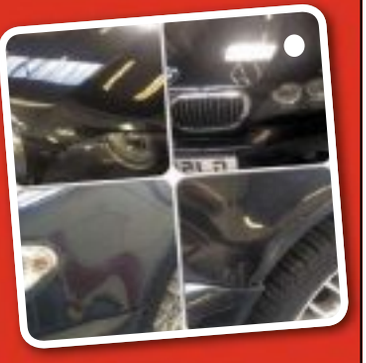

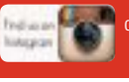

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DONS COLUMN

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MILTON Keynes Dons suffered a disappointing 3-1 defeat to Championship bottom-dwellers Bolton Wanderers on Saturday, with a number of their regular first-team players out through injury or suspension.

Kyle McFadzean missed the match through suspension, Rob Hall was ineligible to play due to Bolton being his parent company and Nicky Maynard, Carl Baker and Matthew Upson missed the match through injuries.

One of the most impactful absences, however, was that of Maynard. Maynard is the Dons' best striker and is the player most likely to find the net when provided adequate supply, with Simon Church once again showing that he is not a striker that flourishes alone.

Church is more of a supporting/defensive-style striker, capable of holding the ball up well for a team's target man, but he struggles to find the net and is less likely to score when he is played as the team's lone striker.

The Dons have found themselves 2 points above the relegation zone for a long time, a place that they both want and don't want to be in.

Come the end of the season, finishing 2 points above relegation will be delightful for all involved with the club, but at the half-way point it is still a nervous position to be in.

With the Dons losing so many important and influential players, the need for support becomes more urgent.

Loan signings Jake Forster-Caskey and Jonny Williams were the best performers for the Dons, showing that manager Karl Robinson has a keen eye for bringing in players capable of having the positive impact the team needs.

But the Dons are largely lacking in one of the most important areas of a team: striker.

Nicky Maynard and Simon Church are the club's only two first-team quality strikers, with Tom Hitchcock having yet to show if he can break into the starting XI, and the need for another striker should be at the top of Robinson's wish list.

Rumours and reports suggested that Robinson attempted to bring Liverpool's young striker Jerome Sinclair to the club on loan but, with Sinclair's contract with the Reds expiring in the summer, the Premier League outfit unfortunately declined.

With the transfer window closing next week, Robinson will be working tirelessly in the coming days to ensure the club gets the right players in to secure their Championship future while also ensuring it is set up financially for next season.

Dons fans are very understanding regarding the financial situation and will wait patiently for the club to announce any new players, keeping hopes that a new striker is on the way.

Is there a striker the Dons should target in particular? What other areas does the club need to bolster? Let us know your thoughts!

MK DONS

'We'll go into the game full of hope'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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MK Dons boss Karl Robinson believes his side have 'no right' to win their FA Cup Fourth Round clash with Chelsea, but insists bigger shocks have happened.

Tickets for the much-anticipated game at stadiummk – which will be live on BBC 1 this Sunday – sold out before being released on general sale.

Robinson labelled the match the 'tie of a lifetime' for the club, and says his side will be ready to go toe-to-toe with the Premier League champions.

He said: "We don't know what team Chelsea will put out, but with no midweek game I expect them to go as strong as they possibly can. Some of the world's greatest players will be in our tunnel walking out to 'Welcome to the Jungle!'

"We know Chelsea should blow us off the park with the quality they have, but we will all go into the game full of hope.

"We all know how difficult it is going to be, but we have always acquitted ourselves well against the bigger teams at stadiummk.

"We have no right to, but we will go toe-to-toe with Chelsea and this is the FA Cup – it wouldn't be the biggest shock in the competition's history."

Guus Hiddink's side will arrive at stadiummk on the back of a 1-0 win at title-chasers Arsenal, after Diego Costa scored the winner.

The controversial Spaniard is considered an injury doubt for the tie, but Robinson thinks his defenders will relish the battle if the forward is selected.

He added: "Our two centre-backs will have to commit themselves to the game 100 per cent, and be aggressive, clever and thoughtful in the way they play."

Praying for a miracle: MK Dons boss Karl Robinson

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning leave it late to win

TWO quickfire goals in the space of a minute secured a 5-3 win for MK Lightning against Sheffield Steeldogs at MK Arena on Saturday.

Lightning looked set to lose at one stage but late goals from Jordan Cownie and Frankie Bakrlik ensured a victory over seventh-placed Steeldogs.

The crucial moment came when Steeldogs' Steve Duncombe was thrown out on a match penalty for boarding Markku Tahtinen behind the visitors goal line with 6mins 20secs remaining.

Tahtinen lay on the ice for more than a minute after the challenge and played no further part in the action.

The dismissal of Duncombe gave Lightning a five minute powerplay from which they not only edged ahead but sealed the points with a fifth goal.

Michael Farn was awarded with the man of the match award. Lightning's next games is against Manchester Phoenix on January 30.

FORMULA ONE

Cool runnings for F1 Red Bull

HAVE you ever wondered what the Red Bull Racing team get up to in the closed season?

Well there is all the design work, testing and pre-season preparation but there is also time for a bit of fun.

The Tilbrook team took to the mountains of Austria as they turned Kitzbühel into the setting for a F1 showrun.

Sister team, Toro Rosso, driver Max Verstappen unleashed the power of F1 to 3,500 spectators. Speaking on how it felt to race the beast of a machine on a ski piste Verstappen said: "It was really cool and was so much fun. Keeping the car on the track was a real challenge."

Red Bull's technicians made snow chains to ensure the car could run on snow.

Off-season fun: Red Bull took to the Alps

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY

OLNEY travelled to the suburbs of Leicester without skipper Jack Sutton and his recent deputy Charlie Belcher.

The host side were well drilled from the start, and inflicted on Olney their biggest defeat for some seasons.

Despite a valiant effort defensively the visitors conceded five tries, four converted in the first half, with final score ending up 87-7 to the home side.

KARTING

A STAND-OUT performance from reigning BRKC champion Ruben Boutens saw him claiming victory for the third time at the British Rental Kart Championship, which took place at Formula Fast in Bletchley at the weekend.

One of the biggest events on the karting calendar, the BRKC attracted hundreds of drivers – professional and amateur - from all over Europe.

DARTS

THE Unibet Masters is returning to ArenaMK this Saturday and Sunday, with some of the world's best darts players coming to the city.

In the opening round, world number one and pre-tournament favourite Michael van Gerwen takes on Stephen Bunting, reigning world champion Gary Anderson is in action against Vincent van der Voort, and Phil 'The Power' Taylor meets Jelle Klaasen.

ATHLETICS

THREE gold medals, a silver and a bronze were the individual highlights for Milton Keynes Athletics Club from the annual South of England Indoor Championships held at the Lee Valley Centre.

Maxwell Brown(60m), Rachel Gibbens (pole vault) and Laura Zialor(triple jump) all claimed gold, while Laura also claimed silver in the high jump. Aaron Adom won bronze in the 200m.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

IN the Spartan South Midlands Football League Division One, New Bradwell St Peter edged a 1-0 victory at Brimsdown.

In Division Two, Old Bradwell United earned a comfortable 4-0 victory over Stony Stratford Town, while Wolverton Town slipped to a 3-0 defeat at AFC Hillgate.

FIXTURES

SUN CHELSEA FA CUP (H)
FEB 6 CARDIFF (A)
FEB 13 DERBY (A)
FEB 20 BRISTOL (H)
FEB 23 HUDDERSFIELD (H)

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hull City	28	11	2	1	30	6	6	3	5	15	12	27	56
2	Middlesbro	27	10	2	2	20	3	7	2	4	17	11	23	55
3	Burnley	28	9	3	2	29	12	5	6	3	17	13	21	51
4	Brighton	28	9	2	3	17	13	4	9	1	17	15	6	50
5	Derby County	28	7	5	2	24	12	6	5	3	15	13	14	49
6	Sheff Wed	28	9	4	1	27	12	3	6	5	15	19	11	46
7	Birmingham	28	7	2	5	16	14	6	5	3	21	14	9	46
8	Ipswich Town	28	5	6	3	18	15	7	3	4	19	20	2	45
9	Cardiff City	28	7	6	1	21	13	3	5	6	14	18	4	41
10	Brentford	28	6	2	6	18	20	5	4	5	23	20	1	39
11	Notts Forest	28	6	5	3	20	12	3	6	5	10	13	5	38
12	Wolves	28	4	5	5	17	19	6	3	5	20	19	-1	38
13	Reading	28	6	5	3	17	10	3	3	8	15	21	1	35
14	QPR	28	4	8	2	22	17	4	3	7	13	18	0	35
15	Preston	28	4	6	4	12	13	4	5	5	13	14	-2	35
16	Leeds United	28	4	5	5	12	15	4	6	4	16	17	-4	35
17	Huddersfield	28	5	4	5	22	16	3	4	7	15	23	-2	32
18	Blackburn	27	3	7	3	12	9	3	5	6	12	15	0	30
19	Fulham	28	4	4	6	23	23	2	6	6	20	25	-5	28
20	MK Dons	28	6	1	7	13	19	1	4	9	10	22	-18	26
21	Rotherham	28	5	2	7	21	23	2	2	10	13	26	-15	25
22	Bristol City	28	3	5	6	15	22	2	4	8	9	25	-23	24
23	Charlton	28	3	6	5	15	22	1	3	10	7	32	-32	21
24	Bolton	28	3	8	3	15	15	0	3	11	9	31	-22	20

■ Table before last night's games

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King of ping Baggaley defends world title in a five set thriller

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Champion: Andrew Baggaley celebrates winning his second world championship after beating Maxim Shymrev in front of a packed crowd at Alexandra Palace

ANDREW Baggaley has been crowned ping pong world champion for the second time after he retained his title in a thrilling five set match against Russian Maxim Shymrev.

The 32-year-old from Milton Keynes came from 1-0 down and 2-1 behind to finally win 3-2 against three-time champion Shymrev at Alexandra Palace on Sunday night, in what Baggaley described as the toughest match of his career.

The win means back-to-back world titles for Baggaley, after he brought Shymrev's run of three consecutive titles to an end last year.

Baggaley said: "It's amazing to do it again for the second time. It was harder than last year in a way.

"To beat Maxim you have to be in absolute top gear. His forehand is powerful and he pulls off some amazing shots, but my backhand is strong. It was a game of mental will.

"I think it was the toughest match I have ever had in my life."

But it wasn't all plain sailing for Baggaley – at one stage Shymrev had championship point. But the MK man managed to find an extra surge of energy to fight back.

"I saw Maxim getting quite tired and it gave me that boost to spur me on. The adrenaline is still running now to be honest," Baggaley said.

"At one point my hand went in to total cramp. I have had cramp in my hamstring but never in my hand. I was thinking 'can I actually hold the bat here?'

"But in the end you couldn't have written a better final."

Baggaley is the only player to have beaten Shymrev at the Ping Pong World Championship – which is now in its fifth year – after he knocked the Russian out in the semi-finals last year, and defended his title against him this weekend.

He has now set his sights on starring in another Olympics, after the ping pong and table tennis player was picked for Britain's table tennis squad for the 2012 Olympics in London.

He said: "I look after my body well and I'm in better condition than when I was in my 20s. I think the next five years could be my best. This year has definitely inspired me not to stop.

"I want to look at Olympic qualification in April. But I'm just going to have a little break before getting back into table tennis again – I'm absolutely exhausted to be honest with you."

Baggaley feels the Ping Pong World Championships are a great advertisement for the sport, and has some ideas about how they could be taken on further.

He said: "The tournament is great, I don't think you can beat that kind of spectacle.

"All of the top players really want there to be a tour and I would love for that to happen."

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